



2012 MUNICIPAL/SCHOOL ELECTION WORKSHOP



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South Dakota Municipal League
Associated School Boards of South Dakota









Morning Agenda

- Election Code and Precinct Manual
- Election Types and Dates
- Public Notices
- Voter Registration and Residency
- Conflict of Interest
- Petitions
- No Candidates, Vacancies

















Election Types and Dates





















Second Tuesday in April. (SDCL 9-13-1)













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(SDCL 9-13-1)

• First Tuesday after the first Monday in June. (SDCL 9-13-40)













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(SDCL 9-13-40)

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(SDCL 13-7-10)













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(SDCL 13-7-10.1)













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• On even numbered years, you may combine with the Primary Election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June.









Combining municipal & school elections



- Very popular
- Time and money saver
- Lay out agreement in writing with contingencies
- Any election may be combined if deadlines permit (SDCL 12-2-6)
- Pay attention to the deadlines with Primary and General Elections











Notify the Secretary of State





• 12-2-7: If any political subdivision of the state sets a date and time for conducting a public election, within 15 days the person in charge of the election shall notify the Secretary of State in writing or by telephone or by email.













Public Notices







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2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

		First Tuesday	with school on third
	Second Tuesday	after the first	Tuesday in
	in April	Monday in June	June
The governing board must establish the election date no later			
than January 14 th of the election year if they choose a different			
election date other than the 2 nd Tuesday in April.			
(<u>9-13-1</u>)	April 9 th	June 4 th	June 18 th
The person in charge of the election must notify the Secretary		38	
of State when the election will take place by e-mail, letter, fax,			
or telephone.			
<u>(12-2-7)</u>	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately
Publish notice of vacancies and time and place for filing	January 15 th	February 15 th	March 15 th
petitions each week for two consecutive weeks.	-	-	
(9-13-6 or 9-13-40 & 05:02:04:06; 13-7-5 & 5:02:04:14)	January 30 th	March 1 st	March 30 th



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Earliest date to begin petition circulation and earliest date to			
file nominating petition.			
(<u>9-13-9</u> , <u>9-13-40</u> & <u>13-7-6</u>)	January 25 th	March 1 st	April 9 th
Publish first deadline of voter registration notice that needs to	March 4 th	April 29 th	May 13 th
be published each week for two consecutive weeks.	-	-	-
(<u>12-4-5.2</u> & <u>05:02:04:04</u>)	March 8 th	May 3 rd	May 17 th
Deadline for filing nominating petition.	February 22 nd	March 26 th	May 10 th
(<u>9-13-7</u> , <u>9-13-40</u> & <u>13-7-6</u>)	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm
Deadline for submission of written request to withdraw			
candidate's name from nomination.	February 22 nd	March 26 th	May 10 th
(<u>9-13-7.1</u> , <u>13-7-7</u>)	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm
In the event of no contest due to the death or withdrawal of a			
candidate, one notice of cancellation of municipal election is			
required.	February 22 nd	March 26 th	May 10 th
(<u>9-13-7.1</u> & <u>05:02:04:21</u>)	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm
Publish last deadline of voter registration notice that needs to	March 11 th	May 6 th	May 20 th
be published each week for two consecutive weeks.	-	-	-
(<u>12-4-5.2</u> & <u>5:02:04:04</u>)	March 15 th	May 10 th	May 24 th
Deadline for voter registration.			
(<u>12-4-5</u>)	March 25 th	May 20 th	June 3 rd
Absentee ballots must be made available no later than 15 days			
prior to the election.			
(<u>9-13-21</u>)	March 25 th	May 20 th	June 3 rd



Publish notice of election that needs to be published each			
week for two consecutive weeks. First publication must be at	March 25 th	May 20 th	June 3 rd
least 10 days before election.	-	-	-
(<u>9-13-13</u> & <u>05:02:04:08</u> or <u>13-7-8</u> & <u>5:02:04:15</u>)	April 5 th	May 31 st	June 14 th
Publish facsimile ballot in the calendar week before the			
election. The calendar week falls from the Monday to the	April 1 st	May 27 th	June 10 th
Saturday of the week prior to the Tuesday of Election Day.	-	-	-
(<u>9-13-13</u>)	April 6 th	June 1 st	June 15 th
Automatic tabulating systems only. Conduct a public test of	March 30 th	May 25 th	June 8 th
the system. Must publish notice 48 hours before test.	-	-	-
(<u>12-17B-5</u> & <u>5:02:09:01.01</u>)	April 8 th	June 3 rd	June 17 th
Election Day. Polls open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.			
(<u>9-13-1</u>)	April 9 th	June 4 th	June 18 th
Deadline for official canvass.			
(9-13-24)	April 16 th	June 11 th	June 25 th

Note: If the school election is combined with a municipal election on a date other than the 2nd Tuesday in April, all dates follow <u>SDCL 13-7</u> (except when combined with the county for a primary election).

Notify County Auditor: Contact your county auditor when you know you will have an election and ask if he/she can be available from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on that date to answer questions regarding voter registration.



PUBLIC NOTICES



• All public notices required by law by jurisdiction, shall include an inscription listing the approximate cost of the newspaper publication.

(SDCL 17-2-28)

• This inscription shall be printed in the same type size as the body of the notice and located at the top or bottom of the public notice.

(SDCL 17-2-28)













Notice of vacancy on school board.

(ARSD 5:02:04:14)

Notice of vacancy for municipal election.

(ARSD 5:02:04:06)

Notice of deadline for voter registration.

(ARSD 5:02:04:04)

Notice of school board election.

(ARSD 5:02:04:15)

Notice of municipal election.

(ARSD 5:02:04:08)











FORMS OF NOTICES



(ARSD 5:02:04:21)

• Notice of special election.

(ARSD 5:02:04:09)

• Facsimile ballot published in the calendar week <u>prior</u> to the election.

(SDCL 12-16-16)











WHAT IF I MISSED A NOTICE?



- Do not panic!
- Be sure to inform your attorney and follow his/her advice.
- Have the paper publish the missed notice if there is still time before the deadline.
- Post the notice in areas within your jurisdiction.
- Mail notice to all residents or registered voters.
- The election may be challenged due to the missed or incorrect notices.













Questions?













Who can vote?

Voter registration and residency







MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS



• Registration and residence required to vote in municipal election. (SDCL 9-13-4.1)



• No person may vote at any municipal election unless the person is registered to vote pursuant to Chapter 12-4 and resides in the municipality at the time of the election.



• A person resides in the municipality if the person actually lives in the municipality for at least thirty days each year, is a full-time postsecondary education student who resided in the municipality immediately prior to leaving for the postsecondary education, or is on active duty as a member of the armed forces whose home of record is within the municipality.







SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS



• Registration and residence required to vote in municipal election. (SDCL 13-7-4.2)



• No person may vote at any school election unless the person is registered to vote pursuant to Chapter 12-4 and resides in the school district at the time of the election.



• A person resides in the school district if the person actually lives in the school district for at least thirty days each year, is a full-time postsecondary education student who resided in the school district immediately prior to leaving for the postsecondary education, or is on active duty as a member of the armed forces whose home of record is within the school district.







- County auditor's office;
- City finance office;
- Driver's license station;
- Public assistance agencies providing food stamps, TANF or WIC;
- Department of Human Services offices which provide assistance to the disabled;
- Military recruitment offices
- Secretary of State's Office
- Download registration card from <u>www.sdsos.gov</u>;











IMPORTANT REMINDERS



• Voter registration deadline is 5:00 p.m. fifteen days preceding the election.



• It shall be the duty of officials in charge of local elections to notify the county auditor at least thirty days preceding their local elections, of the precinct boundary changes if any have been made.

• When the boundaries of any election precinct shall be changed, the county auditor shall immediately change the registration list.







Questions?











Conflict of Interest







MUNICIPALITY REQUIREMENTS





• Must have resided in the municipality for three months prior to the election.

(SDCL 9-14-2)

• May not be a defaulter to the municipality.

(SDCL 9-14-2)









SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS





• No teacher in that district.

(SDCL 13-43-1)

• If representation areas exist, a school board member candidate must reside within the school board member representation area.

(SDCL 13-8-7.1)









GENERAL REQUIREMENTS



• Elected or appointed officers of local governments are generally barred from being interested in any contract with their respective entities.



Several exceptions exist...



• Every case is different, so it is important to review the corresponding statutes and Attorney General opinions for every situation.







Questions?











Petitions







PETITIONS



• Prescribed by the State Board of Elections and are found in ARSD 5:02:08.



Nominating petition for school board member.

(ARSD 5:02:08:11)

Nominating petition for municipal election.

(ARSD 5:02:08:13)

Municipal Initiative & Referendum.

(ARSD 5:02:08:15 & 5:02:08:16)

Tax Levy Opt-out

(ARSD 5:02:08:41)









SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS



- 1st and 2nd class municipalities (SDCL 9-13-9):
 - 15 registered voters per 1,000 population.
 - Ward: 5% of registered voters based on the last general election.
 - No petition needs to be signed by more than 50 voters.
- 3rd class municipalities (SDCL 9-13-9):
 10 registered voters for citywide and 5 for a ward.
- School (SDCL 13-7-6):
 - 20 registered voters.











FILING PROCEDURE



- Date stamp and time stamp received petitions.
- Verify signatures pursuant to ARSD 5:02:08:00 and 5:02:08:00.01.
- Check voter registration for school board member petitions.
- File completed petitions.











GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTANCE



- ARSD 5:02:08:00
- The petition is in the form required by this chapter;
- The petition contains the minimum number of valid signatures, counted according to 5:02:08:00.01. One or more invalid signatures on a petition section do not disallow other valid signatures on the section;
- Each section of the petition contains an identical heading and is verified by the circulator. The circulator may add the addresses of the petitioners and the dates of signing before completing the verification. The circulator may also add the printed name of the signer and the county of voter registration. Residence addresses may be abbreviated. The verification was completed and signed before an officer authorized to administer oaths;











GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTANCE



- The declaration of candidacy contains the original signature of the candidate. Additional sections may have an original or photocopied signature of the candidate;
- If a petition is for a ballot question to be voted on statewide, the signatures were obtained after a copy of the text of the petition was filed with the secretary of state;
- The governing board or person authorized by statute to accept the petition shall, if requested, allow a petition circulator the opportunity to add missing information on the signature lines or circulator's verification on his or her petition provided the filing deadline has not passed; and
- Following the presentation of the petition for filing, names may not be removed from the petition. Except for petitions to nominate candidates for school boards, the person who is authorized to accept petitions for filing need not check for voter registration of the signers. Petitions containing signatures in excess of the minimum number may be filed, but the excess signatures will be disregarded.







COUNTING SIGNATURES

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• ARSD 5:02:08:00.01

• The form of the petition does not meet the requirements of this chapter;

• The circulator's verification is not completed or is improperly completed, according to subdivision 5:02:08:00(3) unless the missing information is completed elsewhere on the petition sheet. A completed circulator's verification must include the printed name of the circulator, the circulator's residence address as provided in subdivision 5:02:08:00.01(2)(c), and complete date; or











COUNTING SIGNATURES



or after the first date authorized by statute to circulate the petition, and signed by the candidate and the signature witnessed by an official empowered to administer oaths in South Dakota; or



 The circulator's verification was signed by more than one circulator; and



- It was signed prior to the signing of the candidate's declaration of candidacy or, if for a ballot question, it was signed before a copy of the text was filed with the secretary of state;
- It was signed after the circulator completed the verification;







COUNTING SIGNATURES

- O The residence address does not include a street and house number or a rural route and box number and the town. If the signer is a resident of a second or third class municipality, a post office box number may be used. If the signer does not have a residence address or post office box number, a description of the residence location must be provided. If the signer is a resident of a building with a publicly known name, the building name may be used;
- The date of signing, including month and day, is not indicated;
- The signer's name is not printed and legible; or
- The signer's county of voter registration is not provided.



NOMINATING PETITION FOR PARTISAN ELECTION REPUBLICAN PARTY

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE: The heading of this petition and the declaration of candidacy must be fully completed before the petition is circulated for signatures.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED qualified voters of Legislative District 10 of South Dakota and members of the Republican Party, nominate Gene G. Abdallah, of Lincoln County, South Dakota, whose mailing address is Republican Party, nominate Gene G. Abdanai, of Emedia Councy, State Senate, District 10 at the 4908 S Glenview Road, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, as a candidate for the office of State Senate, District 10 at the RECEVET

DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE

I, Gene G. Abdallah (print name here exactly as you want it on the election ballot), under oath, destard that ATE am eligible to seek the office for which I am a candidate, that I am registered to vote as a member of the Republican Party, and that if I am a legislative candidate I reside in the district from which I am a candidate. If nominated and elected, I will qualify and serve in that office.

(Signed)

Sworn to before me this 5th day of February, 2002.

My Commission Expires September 17, 2007.

Signature of Officer Administering Oath

Notary Public

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INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS: 1. Signers of this petition must individually sign their names in the form in which they are registered to vote or as they usually sign their names.

2. Before the petition is filed, each signer of the circulator must add the residence address of the signer and the date of signing. If the signer is a resident of a second or third class municipality, a post office box may be used for the residence address.

3. Before the petition is filed, each signer of the circulator must print the name of the signer in the space provided and add the county of voter registration.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- Give petition processing top priority.
- Notify candidate that petition was filed.
- Campaign Finance "Statement of Financial Interest" is required for 1st class municipalities and schools with more than 2,000 enrollment.
- Check registration and residency of candidate.











PETITION CHALLENGE LAW



- Any person may challenge within 5 working days after any type of petition is filed.
- Must file affidavit stating deficiencies.
- Person in charge of election verifies information provided in affidavit.
- Notify petitioner if petition is rejected based on the challenge.
- Does not prevent any other legal remedy.









Questions?













Vacancies







HOW IS A VACANCY CREATED?



- RESIGNATION
- Change of residence
- O Death
- Removal from office
- Failure to qualify
- Criminal conviction involving violation of oath
- Judgment against incumbent for breach of bond
- Military call up
- Incapacitation- by illness or accident











HOW ARE VACANCIES FILLED?



- SDCL 9-13-14.1
- Appointment
 - Remember in Aldermanic form the appointment must be from the <u>same ward</u>
 - Easier, faster process and less costly
- Special Election
- Temporary Replacement (SDCL 3-4-8, 3-4-9)









HOW ARE VACANCIES FILLED?



- Remaining members shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next annual municipal election
 - The key is to keep track of the term when there has been an appointment
 - The Mayor can make a recommendation but the remaining members vote
 - There are no advertising rules
 - Discourage councils from waiting until the next annual election to fill the position









PROCEDURE TO FILL VACANCY BY SPECIAL ELECTION

- Governing body creates an ordinance requiring that any vacancy on the governing body or in the office of the Mayor is to be filled by special election.
- Election not to be held less than 90 days before the annual municipal election.
- Finance Officer will *publish a notice that a vacancy exists* and will be filled by special election, the date of election, time and place where nominating petitions may be filed for the office.







PROCEDURE TO FILL VACANCY BY SPECIAL ELECTION





- Notice shall be published 2 consecutive weeks beginning
 60 days before the date of the special election.
- Nominating petitions prepared and filed as usual according to SDCL9-13-7, and filed at least 30 days before the date of the elections.
- Notice of special election published as usual according to SDCL 9-13-13 and 9-13-14.





PROCEDURE TO FILL VACANCY BY TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT

- In the cases of Military call-up (SDCL 3-4-8) or Incapacitation (SDCL 3-4-9):
 - The member temporarily resigns
 - A temporary replacement is made by appointment
 - The replacement serves until the original member returns or the member's term expires, which ever comes first
 - o If the replacement serves until the original members term expires and no one files for the position, then the "incumbent" (original member) still serves. The temporary replacement would then need to be re-appointed to serve until the original member returns.













WHAT IF NO ONE FILES?



• If no one files a nominating petition for replacement of an incumbent, the incumbent can:



- Continue in office for an entire new term
- Resign, creating a vacancy
- Thus, if no one runs for office, <u>a vacancy does not exist</u> unless the incumbent declines to remain in office.



- If no one files for the appointed person's office, then that person becomes the incumbent and finishes the remainder of the term or start a whole new term.
- The incumbent automatically carries over if no one files.







WHEN IS A TERM CONCLUDED?



• Aldermanic: Shall hold office until successors are elected and qualified.

• Commissioner: As determined by ordinance.

• Trustee: Shall hold office for three years and until their successors are elected and qualified.











SCHOOL VACANCIES



◆ A resignation shall not be effective until the successor is appointed and qualified as prescribed by law.

- Any vacancy occurring on a school board shall be filled by appointment by the remaining school board members.
- The appointee will serve until the next succeeding election at which time a successor shall be elected to serve the unexpired term.

(SDCL 13-8-25)







Questions?





